

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Attorney Docket No.
9D-HR-20193

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **REFRIGERATOR AND ICE MAKER METHODS AND APPARATUS**, the specification of which:

(check one) ☒ [T] is attached hereto.

☐ [] was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)

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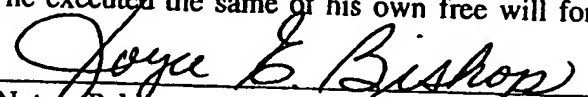
In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which I acknowledge receipt, I, **ZIQIANG HU**, of 12605 Ridgemoor Drive, Prospect, KY 40059, sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Company"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in **REFRIGERATOR AND ICE MAKER METHODS AND APPARATUS**, invented by me, as described in the application for United States patent executed concurrently herewith, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, I will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to me respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

March 10, 2003


ZIQIANG HU

State of Ky)
County of at Buze) ss.

This 10th day of March, 2003, before me personally came the above-named **ZIQIANG HU**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing Assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.


Notary Public

My commission expires:

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